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## We're taking a day off

Metro won't publish on Monday, but we'll be back on Tuesday. Enjoy the long weekend!

## BLACK PULLS SILVER FROM THE VAULT

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# Halifax goes dark to honour WWI



The Citadel will host an afternoon of WWI commemorative events on Monday, including a re-enactment of a recruiting station, films and artifacts that give a glimpse into wartime life. The commemoration will begin after the noon gun firing and runs until 4 p.m. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

**#LightsOut.** Town Clock, city hall to go dark as parts of campaign

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In the early days of August 1914 — just as Canada entered World War I — British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey famously remarked, "The lamps are going out all over Europe. We shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."

On Monday night, if you happen to be gazing at downtown Halifax between 10 and 11 p.m., you might notice the lights going out at city hall, the MacDonald Bridge and the Town Clock.

Unlike Grey's portent of doom, the extinguishing of the lights represents Halifax's contribution to the #LightsOut campaign, a global effort to recognize the centennial anniversary of World War I by going

dark for an hour.

"It was very easy to get the city involved in this," said Corinne MacLellan of the Great War Centenary Society, speaking at the Army Museum at Citadel Hill where commemorative events will take place Monday.

"Halifax played such an important role in World War I. Almost every soldier left from here."

Days before the anniversary on Aug. 4, members of the Halifax Citadel Regimental Association were parading through the grounds, dressed in World War I-era uniforms.

Upstairs in the Army Museum, a scale replica of the Vimy Ridge memorial in France dominated a room devoted to Canada's World War I history.

"People are impressed by it," said Jim Jollota, a volunteer, pointing to the graceful spires of the memorial. "The response we've gotten has been great."

One of the key figures in organizing all World War I activities at the Hill is Hal

Thompson of Parks Canada.

He said the anniversary has particular significance in the context of ongoing armed conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine.

While total war on the scale of World War I is unlikely today, Thompson said, that doesn't mean that lessons can't be learned.

"Compared to the War of 1812, which we did a couple years ago, people know more about World War I," he said. "They know about Flanders Fields and trench warfare, at least."

With commemorative events scheduled over the next four years, many people will know a lot more about World War I than they do now — and it will all start with an hour in the dark.

### War dead

More than 60,000 Canadians were killed in combat in WWI.

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Brian H. Greenspan

## Toronto lawyer to handle Howe's appeal



Brian H. Greenspan  
METRO FILE

A high-profile defence lawyer from Toronto has joined Lyle Howe's appeal team.

On Thursday, Brian H. Greenspan of the firm Greenspan Humphrey Lavine confirmed via email he is working on Howe's appeal.

Greenspan was called to the bar in 1974, was the founding chair of the Canadian Council of Criminal Defence Lawyers, and he received the G. Arthur Martin Medal for contributions to criminal justice in Canada in 2010.

His former clients include Justin Bieber, Naomi Campbell and Omar Khadr.

Howe, a suspended Halifax lawyer, was sentenced to three years in a federal prison on Wednesday for sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman three years ago.

A jury trial found Howe guilty of sexual assault in May, and not guilty of the charge of administering a stupefying substance.

In Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Chief Justice Joseph Kennedy accepted a joint recommendation of a three-year sentence from defence attorney Phil Star and the Crown.

Star told reporters the appeal of Howe's conviction was filed before the sentencing Wednesday.

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Lyle Howe supporter David Sparks speaks to reporters after Howe, inset, was sentenced on Wednesday for sexually assaulting a woman. A Facebook post posted under Sparks's profile revealed the name of Howe's victim, whose identity is protected by a publication ban. JEFF HARPER/METRO; INSET: METRO FILE

# Howe victim named in apparent breach of ban

**Facebook.** Concerned citizen takes action over online post she says was made to shame the woman

## Quoted

"The least I can do as a decent member of society and as a woman is to — when somebody does something obviously that wrong — follow it up."

Nicole Pettipas, concerned citizen

A Halifax woman says she was so outraged to see the name of the victim in the Lyle Howe case published online Thursday that she didn't hesitate to call police.

"Her name ... was almost like this weapon that they had, and they were waiting to pull it out," said Nicole Pettipas. "Somebody needs to stand up and say no."

Howe was sentenced Wednesday to three years in prison for sexually assaulting the woman three years ago.

Public Prosecution Service

spokesperson Chris Hansen said the victim's identity is protected by a publication ban.

But on Wednesday night a post including the woman's name appeared on the Facebook site of the 6,100-member group "Justice for Lyle Howe."

The post was published under the profile of the spokesperson for the group, David Sparks.

"It was my hope that ... we would prove Lyle's innocence," reads the post, which was reproduced in screenshots on Reddit and Twitter

with the victim's name redacted. "That his one-nite fling with (the victim) was consensual ... and that Lyle would be vindicated."

Sparks didn't return messages Thursday seeking to verify the authorship of the post, which Pettipas said was deleted around midday.

Pettipas said the post had been up for 13 hours when she captured it in screenshots mid-morning Thursday.

"They put it out there full well knowing what it's going to do," said Pettipas. "I don't

know if people are now calling or harassing (the victim).... Who knows?"

Hansen confirmed it's up to the police to investigate any complaints involving the breach of a publication ban.

Pettipas contacted Halifax police to file a complaint and was mistakenly referred to the Crown attorney's office.

She said the Crown's attorney's office has acknowledged the mistake and promised to contact police about her complaint.

She said that anyone who publishes the victim's name ought to face consequences.

"It was put on there to shame the victim of a rape, and that to me is unacceptable," Pettipas said.

None of her allegations have been proved in court.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

## Porters Lake. Charges laid after bomb threats

A 70-year-old man is facing charges and remains in custody after two bomb threats were made to a store and seniors' complex in Porters Lake.

Halifax RCMP, Fire and EHS responded Wednesday evening to a report of a bomb threat targeting the Buck & Near Dollar Store.

Further investigation led

RCMP to a senior citizens' complex in Porters Lake after a man called 911 saying he was going to blow up his own unit in the building.

No bombs were located.

Wayne Hetherington of Porters Lake is facing two counts of uttering threats.

He is set to appear in court on Aug. 28. HALEY RYAN/METRO

## Primrose Street

### Pair charged in drug bust

Two men are facing charges after Halifax police seized crack cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, weapons and cash on Primrose Street Wednesday.

A 33-year-old man faces possession, trafficking and weapons charges. A 22-year-old man faces one count of possession. METRO

## Dartmouth. Report of firearm a false alarm

Police swarmed a Dartmouth neighbourhood Thursday in response to a gun scare.

A release from Halifax Regional Police states that an anonymous tip came in around 5:45 p.m. Thursday about a man carrying a firearm on Clement Street.

Patrol officers, ERT and crisis negotiators surrounded a

home and asked neighbours to stay indoors.

As they did so, a 19-year-old man came to the door of the home in question. He was "challenged" by ERT members and taken into custody.

It turned out he had been carrying a plastic BB gun.

Police say no charges will be laid. METRO

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# Cape Spit reopens after Hurricane Arthur cleanup

Visitors and tourists alike can once again hit the trail at Cape Split.

The trail at the provincial park was closed due to safety concerns on July 4 as post-tropical storm Arthur approached.

The storm toppled and destabilized dozens of trees and the province kept the park shut down until safety concerns along the eight-kilometre trail could be addressed.

Natural Resources Minister Zach Churchill announced at a news conference at Cape Split July 31 that the trail was officially reopened, a day ahead of schedule.

"We heard that this was urgent from the community and we acted appropriately and efficiently and thankfully we were able to get the park open ahead of schedule," Churchill said.

He said there was pressure to reopen the trail sooner but



An aerial photo shows the damage inflicted on Cape Split's hiking trails by Hurricane Arthur. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/KINGS COUNTY REGISTER

the safety of visitors trumped other concerns.

The biggest challenge was the remote location, which made it difficult to bring in large equipment, he said.

Kings-Hants MP Scott Brison said he hikes Cape Split with his dog, Simba, four or five times a year.

"Getting outside and enjoying what Mother Nature has to offer in places as beautiful as Cape Split is actually not just good for the body and the heart, it's actually good for the soul," Brison said.

Cape Split attracts 15,000 visitors each year.

KINGS COUNTY NEWS

## New manager for Truro's Provincial Exhibition

Nova Scotia has appointed a new general manager for the Provincial Exhibition grounds and harness racing track in Truro.

Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell says Stephen Pottie will start his job immediately.

Pottie has led operations

of a number of facilities in the province, including Exhibition Park, the East Hants Sportplex and most recently the CFB Halifax Curling Club.

He has also owned and operated a private business for more than 20 years.

In February, the province

foreclosed on a loan and took over operations of the heavily indebted commission that runs the exhibition and racetrack.

Business continues as usual for the exhibition, with the harness racing season and other scheduled events.

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## Doggone it, we've got to find new digs

Co-owners Amber Skahl and Heather Brown hand out some treats to some of the dogs at their doggy daycare, Playful Paws, earlier this week. The pair have to relocate their business just 16 months after opening their doors, and are turning to crowdfunding to cover the costs of moving. So far they've raised more than \$13,000 via gofundme. Details can be found on the Playful Paws Facebook page. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# N.S. debt hits all-time high, deficit balloons

**Up, up, up.** Deficit 'related to events that were out of control of any government': Finance minister

Nova Scotia's deficit ballooned in the last fiscal year and its net debt reached an all-time high, the provincial government revealed Thursday.

The audited financial statements for 2013-14 show that the deficit grew to \$678.9 million, nearly \$200 million from what was forecast in December, and the net debt climbed to \$14.8 billion.

Finance Minister Diana Whalen blamed the higher-than-expected deficit on an unanticipated drop in revenues, higher departmental expenses and a one-time adjustment to the public service pension plan.

"A lot of this, as large as it

is and as concerning as it is, is actually related to events that were out of the control of any government," said Whalen, citing a drop in personal and corporate income tax, as well as the harmonized sales tax, which together make up the bulk of provincial revenues.

Total expenses for the fiscal year ending on March 31 were \$10.8 billion, about \$460 million more than estimated.

This increase was primarily due to a one-time \$318.9-million pension valuation adjustment. But it also included a \$69.7-million rise in departmental expenses driven by environmental remediation projects, increased caseloads within the Community Services Department and higher snow removal and salting costs during an abnormally harsh winter.

Whalen pointed to an internal program review being led by Premier Stephen McNeil as proof of the government's com-

### Looking ahead

Finance Minister Diana Whalen said the government intends to return to a balanced budget in four years.

mitment to identify possible cost-saving opportunities.

The province's opposition parties accused the government of lacking direction.

"People are tired of hearing about governments studying things," said Tim Houston, the Progressive Conservative finance critic.

"We need to see governments take some action. We need results now, in the present."

The Liberals were elected in October of last year, taking over from the NDP partway through the fiscal year.

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# Meet Halifax's Pinball Wizard

**'Joystick and button experience.'** Arcade renting business bringing old-school games to shops, parties in Halifax



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In a Burnside storage unit, retro arcade games are stacked like sardines waiting for Dylan Harris-McDonald to get them onto the "operating bed."

Harris-McDonald, owner of Maritime Mobile Arcade Rental in Halifax, said he has been fascinated with old-school arcade games like Pac-Man, Frogger and Donkey Kong Jr. since the age of six.

"I pretty much wanted an

## Game time!

Arcade games are currently at Café Cempoal Calavera, Plan B co-op and Gus' Pub.

excuse to own an arcade machine," Harris-McDonald said with a laugh.

After becoming frustrated with the versions of old games on modern consoles or a computer about a year ago, Harris-McDonald said he went on a hunt for the true "joystick and button experience."

It's a different experience using the controls the game was designed around, Harris-McDonald said, adding there's something special about playing a game you haven't seen in 20 years.

Because many second-hand machines need extensive repairs, Harris-McDonald said renting the games seemed like the best way to pay for their upkeep.

Right now, Harris-McDonald said he has eight working games he rents out for businesses and private events, plus the space stuffed with machines taken from people's sheds or garages.

"They haven't been properly cared for in ... 15, 20 years and pretty much need resurrection," he said.



Dylan Harris McDonald owner of Maritime Mobile Arcade Rental poses for a photo with one of his vintage arcade machines at Plan B on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Harris-McDonald said he turned to internet forums for tips on how to replace rusty

items in the machines and has a partner who added eight pinball machines to their game

list. "We're constantly on the lookout for new machines to rescue and constantly trying to

pick away at the machines that we currently have on the operating bed," he said.

## MACDONALD BRIDGE EVENTS AND CLOSURES FOR NATAL DAY WEEKEND

### Saturday, August 2, 2014

#### Halifax Harbour Bridges Natal Day Fireworks

The Macdonald Bridge sidewalk will **close at 3 p.m.** and a shuttle service for pedestrians will be provided. The Macdonald Bridge, including the bike lane, will **close to all traffic at 7:30 p.m.** and reopen following the clean up of the fireworks. A shuttle service will be offered to pedestrians and cyclists.

### Sunday, August 3, 2014

The Macdonald Bridge sidewalk will be **closed from 8:30 a.m. to noon** to host the 20th annual *Maritime Heart Centre MACPASS Miles* road race. The sidewalk and bike lane will remain open during the bridge closure. For more information about *MACPASS Miles*, visit [www.macpassmiles.com](http://www.macpassmiles.com).

### Monday, August 4, 2014

The Macdonald Bridge will be **closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The sidewalk and bike lane will remain open during this closure. The closure is taking place to host the following free public events:

- 2014 Pepsi Natal Day Parade – 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Halifax Harbour Bridges Annual Bridgewalk – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit [www.hdbc.ca](http://www.hdbc.ca) for more information.



Halifax Harbour Bridges

## Hants SPCA searching desperately for puppy

Animal activists are on the lookout for a puppy stolen from its mother at only three weeks old.

Tammy Acker of the Hants County SPCA says the American Staffordshire pup, born July 6, was taken from a privately owned building in Three Mile Plains sometime in the afternoon July 27.

The puppy was among a litter of eight in the care of a foster for holding the dogs for the SPCA.

"We're terrified for the puppy's welfare," Acker said.



The puppy the Hants County SPCA says was stolen at just three weeks of age. CONTRIBUTED

It is crucial the puppy have access to its mother's milk or, at the very least, formula for pups of that age.

Volunteers have been reaching out through social media and scouring nearby neighbourhoods for any sign of the little dog.

Acker said no questions would be asked if someone dropped the puppy off at a local vet.

They are not interested in pressing charges as long as the puppy has not been abused, she stressed.

"All we care about is the safe return of this puppy."

Anyone with information that may help is asked to contact the Hants SPCA.

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### Cape Breton

#### Man dies following jump out of car

A 25-year-old New Brunswick man has died following an alleged car-jumping incident earlier this week at a campground in Ben Eoin, according to a Moncton newspaper.

Alexis MacDonald, owner of the Ben Eoin

Beach RV Resort & Campground, told the Times & Transcript Thursday morning that the visitor to the campground died Wednesday.

Desiree Vassallo, spokesperson for the Cape Breton Regional Police, said she couldn't comment on the condition of the victim, adding that police are no longer involved in the matter.

Vassallo said police

responded to the campground around 11 a.m. on Tuesday after receiving reports that a 25-year-old man had jumped from a moving vehicle.

The man, who was from the Moncton area, was flown to the QEII in Halifax.

Vassallo wouldn't speculate on why the victim, a passenger in the vehicle, may have jumped.

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# Definitely not the typical opera

**'Young and edgy.'**  
10th anniversary fest  
proves opera is not just  
for stodgy seniors

A crowd of young people chatted and broke into song as they left a Mount Saint Vincent University classroom Thursday, putting away a long pink wig and Roman helmet.

From outside in the hallway, a girl yelled, "I found my penis!"

Laughter, a safe place to experiment — and any props you may need to enhance your role — are part of the daily routine for members of the Halifax Summer Opera Festival.

Sharon Tikiryan, a 31-year-old from Toronto, has attended the festival and month-long rehearsals for five years and said opera is not all stuffy.

"This was ... the Beatlemania of its time," Tikiryan said with a laugh. "It was always for everyone."

For the 10th anniversary season, artistic director Nina Scott-Stoddart said she wanted a mix of shows to attract both the public and performers across North America, so Orpheus in the Underworld by Jacques Offenbach was a great fit.

The operetta is a satire



Left to right: Courtney Dugan, Ben Braz and Katie Cochrane, who are part of the Halifax Summer Opera Festival, pose for a photo outside the Seton Academic Centre on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

based on the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice. Audiences will recognize the famous "Cancan" tune done by the demons of Hades, she said.

"It's light, it's very sexy, it was totally scandalous for the French in their day."

Other operas include Rusalka, the original Slavic tale of

a water nymph that was adapted into the Little Mermaid, and Handel's Giulio Cesare.

Scott-Stoddart said the festival has "exploded" since its first season with nine performers and three staff to more than 80 performers and 25 staff.

"It's good opera sung by passionate, incredibly talented

young people," said Scott-Stoddart.

"This is just something young, edgy."

She said the festival should stay small enough to focus on individuals but added that she hopes to eventually offer scholarships for singers who can't afford the program fee.

## What's open and closed? Natal Day queries answered



The Shriners participate in the Natal Day Parade last year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

This year's Natal Day festival will feature family fun, a parade, and the final fireworks display to be fired from the MacDonald Bridge until 2017.

The re-decking of the bridge means the fireworks will have to be set off from a different location for the next two years.

"It's highly likely that the fireworks will be coming from a barge in the harbour for those years," said Tim Rissesso, the chair of the Natal Day Festival Committee. "We've done that in the past."

Monday's fireworks will cap off a weekend of pancake breakfasts, family fairs, road races and, of course, the parade.

All the festivities mean street and bridge closures throughout the weekend, and

residents should check the HRM website for a complete list.

NSLC stores in HRM will be open Monday between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., with the exception of the Scotia Square location (closed all day), and the Mic Mac Mall location (closing at 5 p.m.). Area malls and grocery stores are on reduced hours.

Halifax Transit will have several route disruptions on Saturday for the fireworks and for Natal Day on Monday, with more details available on its website.

Ferry service will be free on Saturday and expanded on Sunday. A complete list of Natal Day events can be found at [www.natalday.org](http://www.natalday.org).

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Kaylin Diggs

## Holding Hands Against Violence

The cousin of a man who was killed in downtown Halifax two years ago will launch a new anti-violence event after the Natal Day Parade.

Holding Hands Against

Violence will entail a line of people holding hands from one end of the parade route to the other.

"We're going to need thousands of people," said Quentrel Provo.

Kaylin Diggs died in an attack when he tried to help a friend being assaulted in downtown Halifax in August 2012. BRAEDON CLARK/METRO

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# Israel, Hamas agree to 72-hour ceasefire, U.S., UN announce

## Humanitarian truce.

Israeli and Palestinian delegations are expected to travel to Cairo, Egypt, to begin talks on ending the conflict

Israel and Hamas have agreed to a 72-hour humanitarian ceasefire beginning Friday, during which time there will be negotiations on a more durable truce, the United States and United Nations announced Thursday.

At least four short humanitarian ceasefires have been announced since the conflict began, but each has been broken by renewed fighting.

A joint statement released simultaneously in New Delhi, where U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is travelling, and at UN headquarters in New York said the U.S. and UN had gotten assurances that all parties to the conflict had agreed to an unconditional ceasefire.

An official at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office confirmed that Israel had



A Palestinian carries his daughter as they flee following an Israeli airstrike on an apartment building in Rafah on Thursday. HATEM ALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

agreed to a 72-hour truce beginning at 8 a.m. local time Friday. Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said the Islamic militant group was also in agreement.

During the ceasefire, Kerry said Israel will be able to con-

tinue its defence operations to destroy tunnels that are behind its territorial lines.

Palestinians will be able to receive food, medicine and humanitarian assistance, bury their dead, treat the wounded

and travel to their homes.

Israeli and Palestinian delegations are expected to travel to Cairo for talks with the Egyptian government aimed at reaching an end to the conflict.

At least 1,441 Palestinians

have been killed, three-quarters of them civilians, since hostilities began on July 8, according to Gaza health ministry officials. Israel says 56 soldiers, two Israeli civilians and a Thai agricultural worker have died.

In Geneva, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay accused both Israel and Hamas militants of violating the rules of war.

She said Hamas is violating international humanitarian law by "locating rockets within schools and hospitals, or even launching these rockets from densely populated areas." But she added that this did not absolve Israel from disregarding the same law.

The Israeli government, she said, has defied international law by attacking civilian areas of Gaza such as schools, hospitals, homes and UN facilities.

Palestinians have fired more than 2,850 rockets at Israel, while Israel has launched more than 4,000 strikes against Hamas-linked targets, including rocket launchers and mosques where it says weapons were being stored.

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## 'Indefensible'

### U.S. criticizes Israel's actions

The White House says there is little doubt Israeli artillery hit a UN school in Gaza, describing the shelling as "totally unacceptable" and "indefensible."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest cited statements from the UN that blamed Israel for the shelling, as well as the Israeli government's acknowledgment that it was firing in the area of the school.

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## Israeli Embassy

### Israel supporters rally in France

Hundreds of riot police in Paris deployed near the Israeli Embassy on Thursday for the first major pro-Israel rally since the start of the latest Gaza war.

France has the largest Jewish and Muslim populations in Western Europe, and the Gaza war has raised tensions to their highest in years. Roger Cukierman, head of the group organizing Thursday's rally, said that Israel has the "right and duty to defend its citizens." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# First inspection made of Malaysian jet crash site

Two weeks after a missile brought down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, an international team of investigators reached a wreckage site in eastern Ukraine on Thursday that remains bitterly contested between government forces and pro-Russia separatist rebels.

For the families of the victims, it was an important start in locating and recovering bodies still rotting in the fields and building a case against those who perpetrated the tragedy.

As the investigators — two apiece from the Netherlands and Australia — made an initial survey of the area shortly after lunchtime, mortar shells rained down on fields in a nearby village. Despite the lingering signs of risk, the team called their one-hour inspection a success.

For days, clashes along routes to the wreckage site had kept investigators from reaching the area to find



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and his wife Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor lay flowers outside a military barracks where forensic experts are working to identify bodies from Flight 17 in the Netherlands on Thursday. PHIL NIJHUIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and retrieve bodies that have been lying in open fields where midsummer temperatures have hovered around 32 C.

But after negotiations, the investigators were allowed through the final rebel checkpoint before the wreckage site at the village of Rozsypne. A rifle-toting militiaman then fired a warning shot to prevent reporters from accompanying the convoy on Thursday afternoon.

The militiaman, who gave his name only as Sergei, said there was still fighting in Rozsypne as the Ukrainian army continues an offensive to take back territory from the rebels.

Australian Federal Police Cmdr. Brian McDonald said the visit was only a preliminary survey before more comprehensive recovery work.

"We had a quick inspection of the site. Today was more about an assessment of the site than it was of a search," said McDonald.

Up to 80 bodies are still at the site, said Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

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## Sierra Leone

### Soccer team barred from travelling over fears of Ebola

The Sierra Leone soccer team has been banned from travelling to the Seychelles for an African Cup of Nations qualifier because of fears over the deadly Ebola virus.

Players and officials were barred from boarding a plane Thursday in Nairobi, Kenya, that would have taken them to the Seychelles capital of Victoria for Saturday's game.

The BBC reported that Seychelles immigration authorities decided not to allow the Sierra Leone party to travel to the Indian Ocean island because of Ebola. The virus has killed more than 700 people in the West African countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Nigeria.

The BBC also said Seychelles forfeited Saturday's game and a place in next year's African Cup as a result.

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# Outbreak. Canada issues advisory on Ebola, says no need for travel ban

Canada's public health agency has issued a travel notice about the Ebola outbreak in three African countries.

But it is not following the United States in warning citizens not to travel to Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone — at least not yet.

The notice from the Public Health Agency of Canada notes that dozens of cases of Ebola virus infection have been reported in those countries.

And it adds that Nigeria's ministry of health has reported its first death due to the virus.

But it adds that the World Health Organization does not recommend that any travel or trade restrictions be applied to the African countries in relation to the outbreak. U.S. health officials are warning Americans not to travel to countries hit by the outbreak, which has killed more than 700 people this year.

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Newspaper front pages focused on the Ebola outbreak, including one, left, that reads 'Burn all bodies,' in the city of Monrovia, Liberia, on Thursday. JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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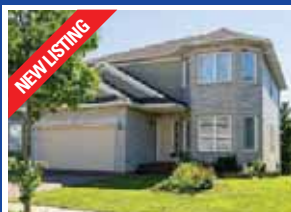
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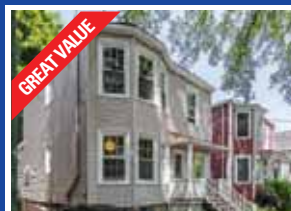
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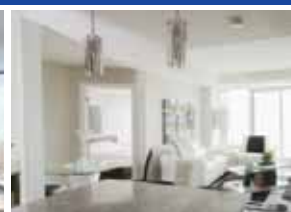
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# Prophetic sloth honoured

**World Cup outcome.**  
Bob predicted Germany would win by grabbing the black, red and gold flag

The Toronto sloth that correctly predicted the World Cup winner has rejected honours from the city — repeat-

edly.

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly was to present Bob the sloth with a congratulatory scroll on Thursday at the Toronto Zoo, but the furry mammal refused it at least three times.

And when the two-toed sloth did accept the scroll — awarded for its apparent precognition — the animal dropped it within seconds, seemingly losing interest.

Kelly said the three-year-old sloth's laziness resembled that of his teenage son, "eating, sleeping and just hanging."

Earlier this month, a German flag and an Argentine flag were presented to Bob, who made his prediction by grabbing the black, red and gold flag of Germany. Two days later, Germany won the match 1-0.

Zoo employees say Bob correctly predicted 14 World Cup matches this year prior to the final and has an accuracy rate of well over 70 per cent.

Kelly joked that he asked the sloth for predictions on the upcoming mayoral race, adding the animal replied he would "take his time" because "he's a sloth."

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Toronto Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly, left, was on hand to present Bob the sloth with a congratulatory scroll. TWITTER

## Unlucky in love. Lawyer sues bride, says she ditched him after getting a visa

First came love, then came marriage, then came the lawsuit by a Kamloops, B.C., lawyer who says his Vietnamese bride ditched him after getting a Canadian visa.

Rod McLeod has filed a notice of claim in B.C. Supreme Court, seeking money from Nguyen Xuan Bach Phung.

The two met on a social-networking site in July 2009, court documents say.

The next month, McLeod travelled to Vietnam to meet Nguyen.

They married three months later in a ceremony in Vietnam, after which McLeod sponsored Nguyen and her two children for immigration to Canada.

Throughout the relationship, before his wife was granted a visa, McLeod said he transferred money to Vietnam for Nguyen to invest, as well as cash for living expenses.

McLeod said Nguyen promised him she was not using the marriage as a means to gain residency in Canada.

The immigration process

took two years, but Nguyen and her children were granted visas in November 2011, court documents say.

They arrived in Vancouver on Dec. 29, 2011.

Court documents say Nguyen "began to limit communications" with McLeod immediately after arriving in Canada, communicating only through text messages, even though they were residing in the same house in Kamloops.

McLeod claims Nguyen would leave the room as soon as he entered and alleges she refused to let him eat with her or her children.

She left McLeod on Jan. 5, 2012, seven days after arriving in Canada.

According to court documents, however, McLeod continued to pay Nguyen's living expenses until the following summer, when her daughter returned to Vietnam and her adult son became employed.

The couple was divorced in September 2013.

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#### Quebec

### Naked man who allegedly rammed cop car arrested

It's unclear if it was his special day of the year, but a Quebec driver was in his birthday suit when police arrested him Thursday following a brief chase.

Police say the driver was stark naked when they finally stopped him south of Montreal for allegedly running a stop sign and ramming a cop cruiser.

Longueuil police spokesman Mark David says the 23-year-old man could face charges but for now is in hospital undergoing tests.

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#### Yellowknife

### Storm and smoke create apocalyptic-looking sky

Red lightning pierced the sky as an eerie, winter-like darkness descended on Yellowknife. Some city residents say it looked like Armageddon, but it was really the result of an intense thunderstorm and a wildfire that's burning about 30 kilometres away. Ella Stinson with the N.W.T.'s environment and natural resources department says as the rain passed through the smoke on Wednesday afternoon, the droplets picked up ash.

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Nelson Hart at his 2007 appeal. TARA BRAUTIGAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Confessions from 'Big' stings are unreliable

## Supreme Court.

Confessions deriving from 'Mr. Big' police operations must be presumed inadmissible

Confessions extracted through so-called Mr. Big police sting operations tend to produce unreliable confessions, are open to abuses and must be presumed inadmissible in court, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday.

The decision by the country's highest court calls into question the convictions of Canadians behind bars across the country and has the potential to reduce wrongful convictions, say civil-rights advocates and legal experts.

In a majority decision, the court ruled that stings like the one used to convict a Newfoundland man of drowning his three-year-old twin daughters are fraught with risks.

Nelson Hart was initially convicted of first-degree murder in 2002 in the drowning deaths of his daughters, Krista and Karen. At his trial, court was told that Hart demonstrated for undercover officers, posing as members of the mafia, how he drowned the girls by shoving them into the waters of Gander Lake, N.L.

But the conviction was overturned in 2007 by the province's appeal court by a 2-1 margin. The ruling questioned the reliability of his confession.

## 'Mr. Big'

Confessions derived from the stings are believed to be unreliable.

- **Unplanned confession.** In 2002, Nelson Hart confessed to two undercover officers that he drowned his two girls.
- **Overtaken.** Despite his conviction, the ruling was reversed in 2007.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court justices ruled that Hart's confession during the sting operation cannot be used against him should he face another trial. The court further ruled that Hart's charter rights may have been violated, with Canada's legal system not adequately protecting the rights of people subjected to Mr. Big stings.

In its judgment, the court said that prosecutors must prove a Mr. Big confession is admissible by showing it's reliable, and that it won't unfairly prejudice a crime suspect during court proceedings. The Crown must also prove the confession was not obtained via police coercion, or was facilitated due to a suspect's mental health or addiction issues.

Mr. Big operations involve undercover officers posing as gangsters belonging to a fictitious organization to gain confessions to crimes.

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## Justin Bourque

### Moncton shooter fit to face judge, jury

A New Brunswick man charged with fatally shooting three RCMP officers and wounding two others in Moncton has been found fit to stand trial and chose to be tried by judge and jury.

Justin Bourque, who faces three charges of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder, underwent

a psychiatric assessment that concluded Bourque is competent and mentally fit for trial.

"Mr. Justin Bourque in my opinion does not meet the criteria for a defence of not criminally responsible," provincial court Judge Irwin Lampert said, reading aloud the assessment's conclusions.

Lampert ordered the documents sealed at the request of the defence, feeling it compromises his ability to have a fair trial. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## First Nations

### Feds' transparency legislation called 'an imposition'

A political leader in the Northwest Territories says there are concerns over the federal government's new law requiring the salaries of First Nations chiefs be posted online.

Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus, who is also the

Assembly of First Nations' regional chief for the Northwest Territories, says his people are not opposed to the concept of accountability and transparency.

However, he says the problem is that the federal government's new legislation is "an imposition" on First Nations' governments.

"The chiefs are committed to being accountable to their people, not to the federal government or the public," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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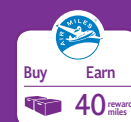
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## Sugar, stevia mix is out

## Sugar, crystalline fructose mix back in Vitaminwater

Coca-Cola is reversing course after fans of Vitaminwater complained about the drink's new sugar/stevia sweetener. The company promised the drink would go back to a mix of sugar and crystalline fructose after fans cried foul on Vitaminwater's Facebook page.

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## Market Minute



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**TSX**  
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**OIL**  
\$98.17 US (-\$2.10)



**GOLD**  
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**Natural gas:** \$3.82 US (+\$0.03)  
**Dow Jones:** 16,563.30 (-317.06)

# EU slaps more sanctions on Russia

## Malaysia Airlines.

Following the downing of a passenger jet, EU has sanctioned some of Russia's biggest banks

The European Union on Thursday revealed the details of its broad economic sanctions against Russia, including the names of five major banks that will see their access to the 28-nation bloc's capital market curtailed.

The banks, in which the Russian state holds a majority stake, include the country's largest lender, Sberbank. The others are Gazprombank, VEB, VTB bank and Rosselkhozbank, also known as the Russian Agricultural Bank.

The latest sanctions were announced Tuesday, but the names of the targeted firms and other details were only released Thursday. The package of punitive measures also includes an arms embargo and the prohibition to export some oil exploration technology used for deep-water drill-

ing, Arctic oil exploration and production, or shale oil projects. Finally, the sanctions also forbid the export of so-called dual-use goods, which can be used for military and civilian purposes, whenever they are destined to Russia's military.

The EU is Russia's biggest trading partner.

The sanctions with the most immediate effect are those targeting the banks because they will make it harder for Russia's already ailing economy to get access to finance and further spook international investors. The United States also imposed similar sanctions on Russian banks.

The EU beefed up its sanctions against Russia over what it decries as Moscow's meddling in Ukraine after the downing of a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet earlier this month over eastern Ukraine, which killed all 298 people aboard. The U.S. and Ukraine say the Boeing 777 was shot down by a missile fired from areas controlled by pro-Russian separatists.

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A woman places apples in her bag at a market in Poland on Thursday. A paper has called on Poles to buy apples in support of apple producers after Russia said it was banning most fruit and vegetable imports from Poland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## #eatapples

## Poles protest Russian ban

Poles are posting photos of themselves with apples along with mocking comments online to protest a Russian ban on Polish food.

Russia will begin banning imports of most fruit and vegetables from Poland on Friday for what it says are violations of health regulations and documentation procedures for some Polish produce.

The ban is expected to mostly affect Polish apples. Poland is Europe's largest producer of apples.

The newspaper Puls Biznesu called for a show of solidarity with apple producers, urging people to eat more apples and drink cider. People responded with humorous posts on Twitter under the hashtag #jedzjablka — Polish for “eat apples.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Joe Oliver THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# IMF calls on Canada to hike gas taxes

The International Monetary Fund says Canada and other countries can improve their economies and environment by hiking energy taxes — while cutting them on people and capital.

In a new book, *Getting Energy Prices Right: From Prin-*

*ciple to Practice*, the IMF essentially endorses policies — at times advocated by the federal Liberals and NDP — leading to what some have termed a “green shift” in the taxation system. The Conservative government, however, has rejected carbon taxes.

The IMF argues countries should tax energy to such a level that the revenue pays for energy's environment and health costs.

The IMF attempts to calculate the cost of carbon energy — coal, gas, motor diesel and natural gas — for 156 countries

and proposes precise taxation levels for each country to implement.

For Canada, the IMF says gasoline should be taxed at about \$0.55 US a litre instead of the current 36 cents, and road diesel at about \$0.64 per litre, instead of the current 42 cents.

In an email response, Finance Minister Joe Oliver said the Canadian government rejects the recommendations.

“We will not impose a 52 per cent increase on gasoline and diesel taxes, which would hurt consumers and businesses,” he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# YES WE CAM, NO ARETHA CAN'T

**1 Clipped.** Donald Sterling bought the San Diego Clippers for \$12.5 million in 1981 and moved them to L.A. Now, banned by the NBA for racist remarks, he lost the case to block the sale of his team on Monday. Oh, what a tough pill to swallow! But something tells me the \$2-billion sale price will make it go down like 100 million single-malt scotches.

**2 Autocracy.** Twitter stock has stagnated this year as some investors believe it has outgrown itself and reached a plateau. For more news on this, check Twitter.

**3 R-E-S-P-E-C-T.** Aretha Franklin walks into a Johnny Rockets in Niagara Falls with her nephew. This is not a joke. She orders a burger to go and sits down. An employee then tells her the table is exclusively for patrons eating in. Franklin agrees to have it there but is rudely told that she can't because they all



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ready rang her up as a takeout customer. How great is it that this girl was dumb enough to pull resto-rank on the Queen of Soul? Unless, maybe she knew it was Aretha and thought this could make her famous or get her a reality show. Darn it, too bad nobody mentioned her name.

**4 So-duh!** New research from the University of Southern California shows that soft drinks can impair our ability to learn and remember information. So when the dentist asks you how your teeth fell apart, you can honestly shrug and say, "I don't remember."

**5 Finish line.** Bachelorette Andi Dorfman apparently wanted a test drive before committing to a long-term purchase. It seems that while Nick may have been quicker from 0 to 60, Josh was superior when it came to handling curves. As a result, Andi chose Josh and was outed by Nick for having messed with his

gear box.

**6 #BieberBrawl.** Twitter was abuzz with news that Orlando Bloom tried to punch Justin Bieber at a restaurant in Ibiza. Amateur footage demonstrated the type of witty banter we've come to expect from the Biebs. "What's up, b—?" followed by a "What. What." It's at this point that Bloom allegedly attempts to get at Bieber, but I don't know. Maybe he thought he was choking or just wanted to see if he could shake a vocabulary out of him.

**7 Air Force None.** CBC news reported that when Alison Redford was Alberta premier she had staff book false seats on government planes and then remove them so she could have the plane to herself. It's not enough that she gets to fly in a plane that's entirely first class; she won't even share it with anyone. Nice.

**8 Say what?** One of the highest-trending hashtags on Twitter is #shareacokewithcam. So who is this Cam that merits such an endorsement? A singer? A movie star? Nope. Just another pubescent Bieber-esque teen whose Vine videos, which focus on his toned and hairless abs, have earned him 3 million followers. I beg of you — someone, anyone — kill me now.

## OF MICE AND MEMBRANES



Scientists have discovered a way to make mice see-through for research purposes. ISTOCK

### U.S. scientists create see-through mice to get detailed look at inner anatomy

Researchers have found a way to make mice see-through — not while they're alive, and for research only — to help scientists study fine details of anatomy.

Before they are treated with chemicals, the animals are euthanized and their skin is removed. Researchers make their inner organs transparent, but not their bones. The result looks like a rodent-shaped block

of gelatin, with the organs held in place by connective tissue and a gel used in the procedure.

Scientists have been able to make tissues transparent to some degree for a century. Last year, a technique that produced see-through mouse brains made headlines. Such treatments reveal far more detail than X-rays or MRI exams could deliver. The new work is the first to make an entire transparent mouse.

Mice are mainstays of biomedical research because much of their basic biology is similar to ours and they can be altered in ways that simulate human diseases.

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#### Why do this?



A 3D visualization of rodent cells.  
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- Researchers say they could map out the nervous system or the spread of cancer using the see-through mice.
- It might also help doctors analyze biopsy samples from people someday.

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## MetroTube

### File under sketchy — in a good way



ANDREW FIFIEL  
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Familiar as we all are with their city's wonderfully restless creative streak, New Yorkers can still surprise us with tiny flourishes of cultural vibrancy.

Which brings us to the Everyday Heroes file, where we find this subway sketch artist who swiftly doodles terrific portraits of fellow riders while they either eye him suspiciously or ignore him completely.

Speaking of portrait, we renew our call for pocket videographers to please hold your phones horizontally. For a happier future. (Swagswagswaghunna/YouTube)



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# Space opera is a wild ride

## Reel Guys

### RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



**Guardians of the Galaxy.** Cross between Star Wars, Iron Man and Indiana Jones delivers action, wisecracks and a talking raccoon

**Richard:** Mark, summer blockbusters haven't been much fun this year. Sure, we've had giant robots, action galore and some edge-of-our-seat moments, but from the xenophobia of Dawn of the Planet of the Apes to the daddy issues and nuclear nightmares of Godzilla, the season's tent-pole movies have been a bit gloomy.

Guardians of the Galaxy is



Guardians of the Galaxy is the most pure fun blockbuster since the first Iron Man, says Richard Crouse. CONTRIBUTED

a tonic for the troops. An old-fashioned space opera, it's a wild ride and the most pure fun blockbuster since the first Iron Man movie.

Did you have as much fun at it as I did?

**Mark:** Richard, I generally don't care for space operas, but this one's a game-changer.

Its debt to Star Wars is enormous, with Chris Pratt as Luke Skywalker, Zoe Saldana in the Carrie Fisher role, and the raccoon and the tree as R2D2 and CP30.

But then its originality takes flight — literally — and the movie becomes its own unique creation. Unlike Star Wars, it has a great sense of humour about itself, and if you don't fall in love with

the talking raccoon with the Brooklyn accent, you're as villainous as the bad guys in the movie.

**RC:** Totally, it's filled with one-liners, sight gags and funny moments that play off the more standard blockbuster-style action and battle scenes.

Pratt has an offhand delivery that recalls Harrison Ford in Han Solo mode, Cooper does wisecracks like a skilled Catskills comic and (almost a spoiler) there's Baby Groot to up the cute factor.

They supply the light moments, but despite Cooper's presence, this isn't The Hangover in space; it's an all-out action movie with a blithe spirit.

The only bits that dragged

for me were the set-up scenes. Did you find the exposition got in the way occasionally?

**MB:** I don't think you watch this movie for the plot anyways.

But the very first scene, a waaaaay too serious deathbed scene between a boy and his mother, left me with a bad taste and it took me awhile to recover from it and enjoy the movie.

It isn't all that far from the old Flash Gordon serials, except that every piece of technology is beyond state-of-the-art and the makeup is wonderfully imaginative.

My biggest beef?

The bad guys have bad dialogue. And they deliver their lines in the standard three-octaves-lower register of vil-

## Synopsis

Chris Pratt is Peter Quill, a cosmic adventurer. After stealing a mysterious metal orb containing an "infinity chip," he becomes the target of Ronan (Lee Pace), an intergalactic Genghis Khan with ambitions to destroy his enemies, the Xandarians. Quill forms an uneasy alliance with a genetically engineered raccoon and bounty hunter Rocket (Bradley Cooper), Groot (Vin Diesel), a plant-based humanoid, assassin Gamora (Zoe Saldana) and Drax the Destroyer (Dave Bautista).

• Richard: ●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●

## AUGMENTED REALITY

→ Want to see some of the action behind the making of Guardians of the Galaxy? Scan this photo with your Metro News app for our photo gallery.



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lains in hackier flicks.

**RC:** By the time the end credits roll, however, none of our gripes matter much because the movie is so much fun.

**MB:** The movie is so much fun it actually enjoys itself.

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Chadwick Boseman had to channel James Brown through multiple personas and pompadours. CONTRIBUTED

# He didn't Feel Good about role in biopic

**Get on Up.** Actor Chadwick Boseman was reluctant to play the iconic James Brown

A year after playing Jackie Robinson in 42, Chadwick Boseman was back in biopic spring training.

To become James Brown for the film *Get on Up*, Boseman needed to rely on an entirely different skill set. But the preparation necessary to transform into a tireless performer like Brown — “the hardest working man in show business,” after all — was oddly reminiscent of working out on the baseball diamond. “I was like, ‘This is déjà vu,’” says Boseman. “I’m waking up in the morning and lacing them up. Doesn’t matter whether it’s cleats or if it’s leather shoes.”

For the second time, Bose-

man has stepped into some very big ones. A largely unknown actor previously, the 32-year-old Boseman has emerged with back-to-back biopics of 20th century titans: one the revolutionary breaker of baseball’s colour line, the other the Godfather of Soul. Both were unstoppable forces that blazed across civil rights-era America. One could steal home; the other could do the Mashed Potato.

Tackling one such historical figure is daring; two is audacious. It wasn’t Boseman’s idea.

“There’s no way in the world,” Boseman says was his initial reaction to playing Brown, still sounding genuinely resistant to the idea. Not only was playing such a complicated, iconic personality like Brown a fearsome challenge, it also could potentially typecast Boseman in a biopic bubble.

“I felt like if I keep doing this biopic thing, then all I’m going

to get is biopics,” says Boseman. “I was already getting all biopic scripts.”

But director Tate Taylor (*The Help*) pressed. He brought Boseman in to read a scene in the movie of Brown at 63 and was immediately won over by the fresh-faced Boseman’s ability to transform into the legend late in life. “I thought: This is the guy. Please let him be able to learn how to dance,” said Taylor. But it took weeks of coaxing. “Chad’s point of view was, ‘Nobody should do this. It’s just not even possible.’”

Brown’s vocals are used during performances in the movie, but the part required Boseman to play Brown across time and pompadours. He had to find the voice, the moves, the posture and the persona, and hope somewhere in there was the man, too. “It was all daunting, to be honest with you,” sighs Boseman. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## James Brown's many faces

*Get on Up*, produced by Brian Grazer, went through many iterations. At one point, Spike Lee was to direct. Later, Mick Jagger, who frequently crossed paths with Brown and took much inspiration from him, came on board as a producer. (Jagger is also producing an upcoming documentary about Brown, directed by Alex Gibney.) The film, which opens this weekend, skips across Brown’s expansive life, from the Georgia poverty of his hard upbringing to his more cartoonish and violent later years (James died in 2006). *Get on Up* attempts to synthesize all of Brown’s many dimensions: tyrannical band leader, musical visionary, funk preacher, domestic abuser.



## Drama



## Get On Up

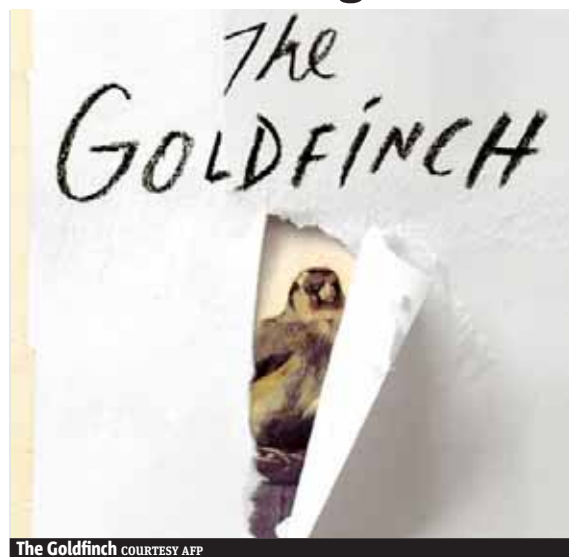
Director. Tate Taylor

Stars. Chadwick Boseman, Viola Davis

In his follow-up to the *The Help*, Tate Taylor directs 42’s Chadwick Boseman as James Brown in *Get on Up*. Based on the incredible life story of the Godfather of Soul, the film will give a fearless look inside the music, moves and moods of Brown, taking audiences on the journey from his impoverished childhood to his evolution into one of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**  
Critics: 86% Audience: 90%

## The Goldfinch. Novel set to hit the big screen



The Goldfinch COURTESY AFP

Donna Tartt’s acclaimed novel *The Goldfinch* could be set for the big screen after Warner Bros. snapped up the film rights to the Pulitzer Prize-winning bestseller, it was confirmed Tuesday. A tale of survival, *The Goldfinch* charts a decade in the life of its 13-year-old protagonist, whose mother is killed in an act of terrorism at the New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art. Paul McGuire, a spokesman

for Warners Bros., said no decision has been made as to who will write the screenplay or produce the film. A release date also has not yet to be determined, he said. Tartt has a cult following not only in the English-speaking world, but also in Spain and Latin America, increasing the odds that any effort to bring her work to the big screen will enjoy widespread international appeal. **AFP**

## Trends

## Sharknado 2 takes big bite out of ratings

Syfy says its sequel to the horror spoof *Sharknado* snapped up 3.9 million viewers Wednesday night.

The film, officially titled *Sharknado 2: The Second One*, nearly tripled the 1.37 million viewers who saw last summer’s premiere of the original *Sharknado* film.

Meanwhile, Nielsen estimates that 5.5 million people saw one or more of the 581,000 tweets posted during the airing. At one point, the film held all top 10 trending topics in the United States. By comparison, 318,000 tweets about the first *Sharknado* film were posted when it premiered last July.

In campy fashion, *Sharknado 2* moved the action from Los Angeles to New York City, which was besieged by its own fearsome storm of rain and falling sharks.

Syfy said the film will air again Saturday and Sunday.

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## Mad Max. Sequel already written for film that won't be out until 2015

George Miller has announced that the script has already been written for a followup to his new apocalyptic action movie, which is due to bow in May 2015.

With its mind-blowing trailer and a series of character-focused posters, *Mad Max: Fury Road* emerged as one of the most talked about films at Comic-Con. While the reboot of the cult movie franchise is not due out until next year,

the director revealed that the groundwork is already in place for a second and possibly even a third movie. “In order to tell this story, we came up with two others,” said Miller at a press conference. “We’ve written the screenplay to one and the novelization of another — but it’s a very rough novel. We kept working on them while we were working on other things.”

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An image from the *Mad Max: Fury Road* poster. COURTESY AFP



# A Guardians glossary: Be prepared

## Primer

### How does this story fit into the Marvel universe?

Average moviegoers — and even some affirmed comic book fans — might be a little hazy on just who these Guardians of the Galaxy are and how they tie in to the existing Marvel movie universe. (You know, with Iron Man and Thor and all those guys?) So here's a handy primer on the newest piece of the billion-dollar cinematic puzzle. Just because it's space doesn't mean it's the future. As the movie makes clear when we first see the grown-up Peter Quill, this is happening now, on the same timeline as The Avengers, Captain America: The Winter Soldier and the Thor films.



If you've been staying through the credits for Marvel's other films, you've already seen some pieces of this one: Thanos, the big bad guy ordering Ronan around — and voiced by Josh Brolin — first appeared in a post-credit sequence at the end of The Avengers. Turns out he was the one helping Loki attack Earth in that film, and he'll be causing trouble for just about everyone in the Marvel universe for the foreseeable future.

The Avengers



And at the end of Thor: The Dark World, two Asgardians delivered the pesky Aether to the Collector (Benicio del Toro), explaining that it and the Tesseract are "infinity stones" — which will be important later, so keep them in mind. Look for the Collector to pop up again in this film.

Thor: The Dark World



## Who's who in Guardians of the Galaxy

### Gamora

An alien orphan who was abducted by big baddie Thanos and trained to be a living weapon along with her sister Nebula. She doesn't feel great about what she's been doing since then and is looking for a change.



### Peter Quill Star Lord

An Earthling raised by his single mother until her death in 1988, at which point the 11-year-old was picked up by a group of alien thieves and bounty hunters called the Ravagers. He has a sharp wit, delusions of grandeur and an awesome mix tape of '70s hits that is his only relic from Earth.



### Rocket Raccoon

A bounty hunter and mercenary with a bit of an anger problem — due mostly to the fact that he's the product of genetic experiments by some unknown scientific madman. Fun fact: Rocket reveals in the film that he actually has no idea what a raccoon is.



### Drax the Destroyer

A proud, noble warrior out for revenge after his family was slaughtered ruthlessly by Ronan, a Kree alien madman in league with Thanos. But first he needs to get himself out of prison and figure out how sarcasm works.



### Groot

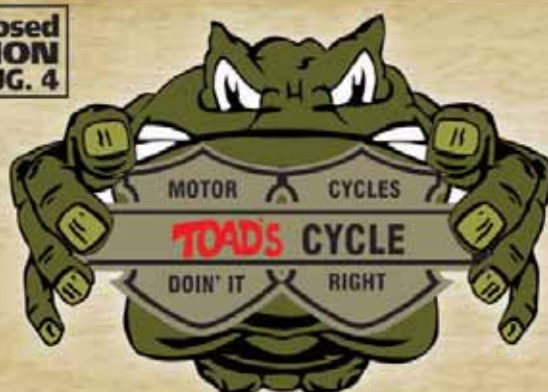
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# Feverish fans propel Grande to the top

## My Everything.

Pop's ponytailed star is shining bright on cusp on new album release

Ariana Grande is the new princess of pop, topping the charts with her addictive single Problem, impressing critics with her thick, gliding vocal range and maintaining an image that her young Nickelodeon fans can vibe with, signature ponytail and all.

The 21-year-old is having the best time of her life. But it's also the worst.

Her grandfather, with whom she had a very close relationship, died last week.

"I personally felt like I've been not as appreciative as I could be of the music success I wanted all my life because I've been distracted by my grandfather and his health and this being such a dark time," she said in an interview.

Grande said she hasn't had much time to "sit back and



Ariana Grande performs in Miami Beach. JEFF DALY/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

realize and just enjoy" her musical breakthrough, and what's coming next may not allow any time for it.

Her sophomore album, My

Everything, arrives Aug. 25 at midnight, moments after the MTV Video Music Awards, where Grande is nominated for three moonmen. She re-

leased Bang Bang this week with Nicki Minaj and Jessie J, which quickly topped the iTunes charts. The Iggy Azalea-assisted Problem, which

## Extraordinary talent

"(Ariana) has this wildly successful fan base on the Internet unlike anything we've seen in some time."

Monte Lipman, the CEO and chairman of Republic Records, who signed Ariana Grande when she was 17.

has sold 2.6 million tracks so far, is spending its 13th consecutive week in the Top 10 and another single, Break Free, is a rising radio hit.

"What's so attractive about Ariana is, No. 1 she's an extraordinary talent, No. 2 she's an exceptional actress, and the third part of it — which makes her a triple threat — is she has this wildly successful fan base on the Internet unlike anything we've seen in some time," said Monte Lipman, the CEO and chairman of Republic Records who signed Grande when she was 17.

MTV reprised its Total Request Live for a day for Grande. Amy Doyle, the network's executive vice-president of music and talent programming strategy, said

MTV sat down with Grande's team to plan ways to help launch her new album.

"If TRL was around today, Ariana would be a fixture in the same way Britney (Spears) was when Britney was of the moment," said Doyle, who said the network had been thinking of ways to bring back TRL, but hadn't come up with the right idea until they thought of Grande. "She was absolutely the perfect artist to do that because her fans are active and she's very social."

The triumph in music comes a year after Grande released her debut, Yours Truly, which featured the multi-platinum Top 10 hit The Way and drew comparisons to Mariah Carey.

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## Cheek to Cheek. Lady Gaga cans the crazy for classic crooning with Tony Bennett

Lady Gaga is a bona fide pop star, but the singer says recording jazz music was easier than pop.

Gaga has spent two years recording an album of jazz standards with Tony Bennett called Cheek to Cheek, to be released Sept. 23.

"You know, it's funny, but jazz comes a little more comfortable for me than pop music, than R&B music," Gaga said in an interview Monday. "I've sung jazz since I was 13 years old, which is kind of like my little secret that Tony found out. So this is almost easier for me than anything else."

Gaga made the comments with Bennett by her side ahead of the duo's taped performance at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City for PBS, which will air in the fall. The album's first single, a cover of Cole Porter's Anything Goes, was released Tuesday. Other selections from the Great American Songbook that appear on Cheek to Cheek include It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing), Sophisticated Lady, Lush Life and the title track.

The 28-year-old and 87-year-old Bennett first collaborated on his Grammy-



Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett. ANDY KROPA/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## It don't mean a thing

"There's 60 years between us, and when we sing, there's no distance."

Lady Gaga on working with Tony Bennett.

winning, platinum-selling 2011 album, Duets II. Bennett said fans will be impressed with Gaga's vocal performance on the upcoming album.

"They're going to say we had no idea she sings that

well," he said.

"And they're gonna say they had no idea that Tony dressed so crazy," Gaga added, as Bennett smiled. "When you come out in your meat dress, Tony, nobody is going to know what's going on."

Cheek to Cheek is Gaga's first release since last year's Artpop. Bennett released a collaborative album with Latin singers in 2012 called Viva Duets.

"There's 60 years between us, and when we sing, there's no distance," Gaga said about working with Bennett.

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## Bieber posts bikini pic after dust-up with Bloom, then tries to make him cry

In the wake of his scuffle with Orlando Bloom in Ibiza earlier this week, Justin Bieber continues to prove exactly how mature he is by continuing to use the most powerful weapon in his vast arsenal — Instagram, obviously — to get the last word. After first posting and then deleting a bikini shot of Bloom's ex-wife, Miranda Kerr, Bieber uploaded

a red-carpet photo of Bloom in which he appears to be crying. True to form, he quickly deleted it — but soon gained some courage and posted it again. Take that, Orlando! They say famous people stop developing at the age at which they gain notoriety, which is really unfortunate in Bieber's case. All signs to point to a perpetual 14-year-old.

## Charlize pals worried she's moving too fast in plan to marry Penn

Charlize Theron may be head over heels for Sean Penn, but pals of the Monster actress are apparently worried things are moving too fast, according to the National Enquirer. "They're urging her to think twice before finally heading down the aisle with Sean," a source explains. "They fear for her safety." Theron has been spotted around sporting what looks like an engagement ring, hence the calls for concern.



Charlize Theron

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### The Word



Kate Hudson

## Ledger was a great kisser, Kate Hudson reveals

Kate Hudson has locked lips with a lot of attractive male co-stars throughout her film career, but one really stands out in her memory.

When asked by Bravo's Andy Cohen about the actors with whom she's kissed on-screen, the Almost Famous

star responded, "I would say my favourite one was Heath (Ledger). That was pretty excellent. I would say that, I look back at all of it, and that was really — he was lovely."

Hudson co-starred with the late Dark Knight star in 2002's the Four Feathers.

## Ticketless and tipsy, Moss talks her way out of Turkey



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Kate Moss seems like a fun travel companion. According to several fellow passengers, the supermodel and upstanding role model turned up at Turkey's Bodrum Airport

recently, ready to board an EasyJet flight back to London, too tipsy to notice she didn't actually have a ticket.

"The general consensus was that she didn't have a ticket but, after chatting to the manager for some time, she was whisked off and ushered onto a flight," an eyewitness says.

"It was pretty obvious that Kate had had a bit to drink, as she was talking loudly and didn't seem worried about being seen."

Although to be fair: Booze or no booze, I don't think Moss has ever been worried about being seen.

### Twitter



@Miles\_Teller

No Rain is a good song. When it comes on randomly on Pandora it is a great song.



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I have no one to spank but myself.



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I am the oldest person actively on Instagram.

## You can live in Neverland for a cool \$60 million

Anyone want to buy the Neverland Ranch?

The iconic former home of the late Michael Jackson is reportedly set to be sold off by Colony Capital, which bought out Jackson's \$23-million mortgage on the brink of foreclosure in 2008, according to Radar Online.

The Santa Barbara County property has been assessed at a value of \$27 million US, but Colony is apparently hoping it could fetch up to

\$60 million.

"We are saddened at the prospect of the sale of Neverland, which, under the agreement negotiated during Michael's lifetime, Colony has the right to sell," officials for Jackson's estate said in a statement.

"We hope and trust that any new owners of Neverland will respect the historical importance and special nature of this wonderful property."



Michael Jackson

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# Take the heat out of summer entertaining

**Layered Gazpacho.** For the most part, you can keep your stove off for this cool recipe



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Elevate a casual get-together or pool party into something special by preparing some spectacular snacks. This is a recipe I go to time and time again because it comes together relatively easily but goes a long way in making your guests feel special and welcome.

## Ingredients

### Cucumber Jelly

- 1 tsp (5 ml) powdered gelatin
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) water
- 1 1/2 English cucumbers

### Gazpacho

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) tomato juice
- 1 cup (250 ml) cubed stale bread
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 English cucumber
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- 1/2 tsp (1 ml) celery salt
- Tabasco sauce, to taste
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) 35% cream
- Salt and pepper



This recipe makes six appetizers. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

### Cucumber Jelly

1. In bowl, sprinkle gelatin over water; let bloom 5 mins.

2. Cut 1/4 cup (60 ml) of the cucumber into small dice and the remaining cucumber into cubes. Set aside.

3. In a blender, purée the cubed cucumber until smooth. Strain. You'll need 1 cup (250 ml) of cucumber juice.

4. In microwave or small sauce-

pan, heat gelatin with 1/4 cup (60 ml) of cucumber juice until completely dissolved. Add the remaining juice and the diced cucumber. Stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper.

5. Spoon the jelly into the bottom of six 1-cup (250 ml) serving glasses. Cover and refrigerate for 6 hours or overnight.

### Gazpacho

1. In blender, purée all ingredients, except cream, salt and

pepper, until smooth. Adjust seasoning. Refrigerate 1 hour.

### Assembly

1. In a bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form. To serve, pour gazpacho on cucumber jelly and top with whipped cream. Season with pepper and garnish with fresh herbs of your choice. Serve. FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S UPCOMING ENGLISH EDITION LAUNCHING THIS SEPTEMBER!

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Named 19 Crimes, they're a growing collection of Down Under juice wrapped in black, matte-finish bottles with labels that feature the mug shots of some unsavoury looking characters who would be right at home on some 18th century post-office wall. The design is aimed squarely at the male consumer.

Though only time will tell if it works, the story behind the marketing has plenty of cross-gender appeal. If you remember high school history, Australia was supposedly colonized by malcontents who — if convicted of one of 19 different infractions — were given a one-way ticket to the outback.

Dude on the front panel of the 19 Crimes 2012 Shiraz Durif (\$16.95 - \$19.98) doesn't look happy about his sentence. Crammed with dark fruit flavours and balanced by noticeable oak, it's guilty of pairing well with barbecued meats. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



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## UFC Fight Night Halifax

### MacDonald to headline card

Top welterweight contenders Rory MacDonald of Kelowna, B.C., and Tarec Saffiedine of Belgium will headline UFC Fight Night Halifax, it was announced Thursday.

The five-round main event for the televised UFC card is set for Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Halifax Metro Centre, with tickets on sale next month, according to [www.UFC.com](http://www.UFC.com).

MacDonald has won seven of his last eight bouts and is ranked No. 2 of the 170-pound contenders, while Saffiedine is a former Strikeforce champion and is currently ranked at No. 10.

This fall's Fight Night marks the Ultimate Fighting Championship's first visit to Halifax. **METRO**

## Tyson Cave

### Halifax boxer gets Commonwealth title shot

Halifax super bantamweight boxer Tyson Cave will travel to Sheffield, England, this fall to fight



Kid Galahad  
GETTY IMAGES

defending Commonwealth champion Kid Galahad in his hometown. The championship bout set for

Saturday, Sept. 20, was announced Thursday.

Cave, 32, is currently ranked No. 6 by the World Boxing Association. Galahad is also the reigning European Champion. **METRO**



### Gold is the new Black for Halifax gymnast

Halifax gymnast Ellie Black competes in the women's vault final on Day 8 of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. Black's routine won her a silver medal, and she also placed fourth on the uneven bars Thursday. She competes in floor and beam finals Friday at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre. Scan the image with the Metro News app to see how other Canadian athletes fared on Thursday. CARL COURT/GETTY IMAGES

# Broken jaw can't stop Fraser's motor for long

**Motocross.** Halifax rider back on bike and looking forward to Moncton race



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Halifax motocross rider Davey Fraser isn't easily stopped — on or off the track.

The 25-year-old pro broke his jaw while racing in the Monster Energy AMA Supercross in East Rutherford, N.J., in April.

But he's already back on his bike competing in the MX2 class at the Rockstar Energy

## Quoted

"It looked like I should have broken everything else in my body except for my jaw, but that's the only thing that hurt."

Motocross rider Davey Fraser

Motocross National Series, with the eighth round set for Sunday in Moncton, N.B.

"I had a bike malfunction over a jump, and it was like a 75-foot jump, and I would have gone 72 feet," he recalled Thursday. "There's no room for error on those: If you're (three) feet short, it's gonna hurt."

Fraser had to sit out four rounds while his jaw healed, which was "really frustrating" for the 30-time Atlantic region champion.

"It was only wired shut for three weeks," he said, "but there was nothing I could do besides wait."

Not being able to climb the standings because he has missed out on part of the 10-round series doesn't deter his determination in a sport he first started when he was six years old.

"Now it's just go out and trying to get the best finishes I can get," said Fraser, who trains out of Miller Meadow MX Park in Devon, near Halifax Stanfield International Airport, and at



Davey Fraser FOCUS PHOTO

any sandpits he can find.

Fraser looks forward to the Moncton race "most of all" every year because it's at the track closest home, as the only round held in Atlantic Canada.

"Last year it was the best round I had was there, so I'm looking forward to hopefully doing even better this year."

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# Eyes on taking U17 Challenge

**Hockey.** Netminder Evan Fitzpatrick in running to represent Atlantic Canada on international stage



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This summer has been a whirlwind for 16-year-old Lower Sackville goalie Evan Fitzpatrick.

After being the first netminder selected in the 2014 QMJHL draft in June, going fourth overall to the Sherbrooke Phoenix, he headed to the Hockey Canada Program of Excellence goaltending camp in Calgary.



**Evan Fitzpatrick**  
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He impressed national scouts there, so got another call from Hockey Canada, inviting him to attend this week's National Under-17 Development Camp, which started Tuesday and runs through Monday, also at the Markin MacPhail Centre at Canada Olympic Park.

He's one of 108 players from across the country invited to the camp, and now just one of 12 goaltenders in the running for a spot on Canada's three national under-17 rosters that will compete at the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge

## They also got the invite

Other Nova Scotians at the National Under-17 Development Camp:

- Sydney forward Mitchell Balmas
- Cole Harbour forward Brett Crossley
- Halifax forward Barrett Dachyshyn
- Halifax goalie Mark Grametbauer
- Hammonds Plains defenceman Luke Green
- Halifax forward Michael O'Leary
- Halifax goalie Reilly Pickard
- New Glasgow defenceman Matthew Sartoris

this November in Sarnia, Ont.

"It's a pretty surreal feeling," he said Wednesday, adding he's soaking up the experience on and off the ice.

"We're learning how to better our fitness testing scores by doing certain exercises," the six-foot-two, 194-pound Fitzpatrick said, "and the proper nutrition to keep your body fuelled."

It also helps to have a few buddies there with him. He's one of nine Nova Scotians at camp this week, including Newbridge Academy teammate Luke Green of Bedford, who was selected first overall in the 2014 QMJHL Draft by the Saint John Sea Dogs.

"It's great," Fitzpatrick said. "I know the boys, and I'm happy to send that time with them."



## Reimold rescues Blue Jays' winning streak

The Blue Jays' Nolan Reimold hits a tiebreaking solo home run during the ninth inning against the Astros on Thursday in Houston. The run stood as the difference in the Jays' 6-5 win, their sixth straight. It was Reimold's second homer of the game. Off the field, the Jays were inactive at the non-waiver trade deadline. Meanwhile, the Red Sox sent starting pitcher Jon Lester to the Athletics, and the Rays traded ace left-hander David Price to the Tigers. **DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Local hockey celebrities face off in support of heart and stroke

The puck drops on the inaugural Jordan Boyd Celebrity Hockey Challenge starting at 11 a.m. this Saturday at the BMO Centre in Hammonds Plains.

Six teams are facing off in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Jordan Boyd Leadership Award, with special appearances from local hockey pros such as Andrew Bodnar-chuk, Brad Marchand, Nathan MacKinnon, Shawn O'Donnell

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and James Sheppard.

All teams will include several alumni and current players from the CIS, ECHL, NCAA and QMJHL. The day culminates with a celebrity all-star

game that gives the day's top 20 fundraisers the chance to play with their favourite Nova Scotia hockey stars.

The first-ever event has been organized by the family of Jordan Boyd, a 16-year-old hockey player from Bedford who collapsed and died due to a rare heart condition last Aug. 12, while training on ice with the Bathurst Titan of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. **METRO**

### Basketball

## Bluenosers claim two national bronze medals

Nova Scotia is bringing back two bronze medals from the 2014 15U & 17U Men's and Women's National Basketball Championships in Edmonton.

The under-15 men beat Manitoba 91-86 on Wednesday to claim third, while Ontario defeated Quebec for the gold.

The under-17 men defeated Maritime rivals New Brunswick 83-67 on Wednesday for third, while Manitoba topped Ontario 79-61 for gold.

The under-15 women placed fifth, while the under-17 women took seventh place at nationals, which ran July 24-31.

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### Annual road race

## 20th anniversary of MACPASS Miles runs Sunday

An important Natal Day tradition celebrates its 20th anniversary this weekend.

The annual one mile road race across the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge for kids and kids at heart, dubbed MACPASS Miles, kicks off with bib pickup at 8 a.m. on Sunday.

The free, professionally timed series features races for boys, girls, men and women, and is open to both experienced and new runners, with cash draws and prizes.

"It's a great opportunity for people to get out and get active," Maritime Heart Center president Dr. Camille Hancock Friesen said in a news release.

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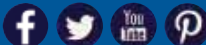
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### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

#### ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You're feeling more positive about life and that makes you more willing to get out into the world and rub shoulders with people who can be of benefit.

#### ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If someone you don't get along with makes an effort to be nice to you today, make an effort to be nice in return. Just because you have different values does not mean you can't get along.

#### ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

With the Sun, Jupiter and now Mercury, your ruler, moving through one of the positive areas of your chart you'll find it easy to hit targets that before you thought were too high.

#### ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

There are some days when, no matter how hard the task you have to take care of, everything comes easy to you, and this is one of them.

#### ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If you limit yourself to tried and tested ways over the next two or three days you will not only make unnecessary work for yourself but you could miss out on something good. Be open.

#### ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Nothing bad will happen today as long as you think logically. That will help you make sense of what, to emotional types, makes no sense at all.

#### ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you force others to follow your lead today, they will refuse. If, however, you use your charm to win them over you will find it easy to maneuver them in the direction you want them to go.

#### ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

What is your number one ambition in life? Are you close to making it come true? If not, don't worry because the planets promise there is plenty of time.

#### ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The upsets of the past few months are beginning to fade and all you should care about today and over the weekend is having as much fun as possible.

#### ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You have an obsession with perfection but you need to remember that not everyone shares it. If you take it too far today, you might tempt certain people to be obstructive.

#### ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

This is an excellent time for travel and social activities, and maybe affairs of the heart as well. You will be chatty and charming today and will make a good impression on someone.

#### ♓ Pisces

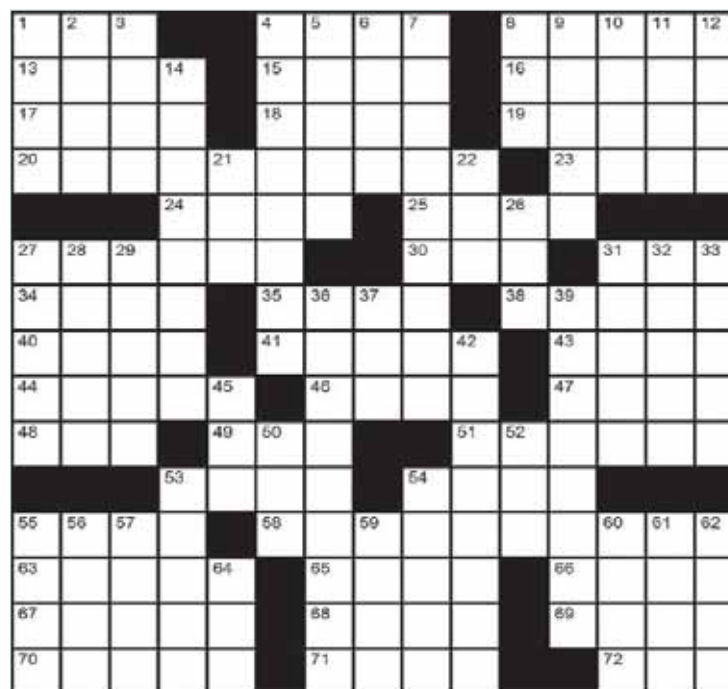
Feb. 20 - March 20

If you're planning a surprise for a loved one be careful who you confide in because this is one of those days when information could easily slip out.

### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

#### Across

1. Tee 'n' club org.
4. Scott of "Hawaii Five-O"
8. \_\_\_ Sound, ON
13. Sounded the bell
15. 'Eight'-meaning prefix
16. Surfer's correspondence
17. \_\_\_-de-boeuf (Small window)
18. Famous literature trilogy [acronym]
19. Actress Olivia
20. Music legend portrayed by Chadwick Boseman in new movie "Get on Up" (2014): 2 wds.
23. Sports \_\_\_
24. Barge \_\_\_ (Intrude)
25. Web auction site
27. Calgary-based energy company
30. Opening
31. Butterfingers
34. Beehive State
35. Not yet final, at law
38. Ballroom dance
40. Tear apart
41. Wear away: 2 wds.
43. Podium
44. Valley varieties
46. "99 Luftballons" by \_\_\_
47. Wines: French
48. Snake-like splasher
49. \_\_\_ Bran (Quaker cereal)



51. CBC's "\_\_\_ Stroumbouloupoulos Tonight"
53. Rich
54. Painter Mr. Chagall
55. Shrek, for example
58. Comparative info for travellers provided by Trivago.ca: 2 wds.
63. Sophisticated
65. Venus de \_\_\_

- (Ancient statue)
66. Recount
67. Record \_\_\_
68. \_\_\_ donor
69. Comfort
70. Spherical
71. Belted out
72. Be in need of a thimble

#### Down

1. Heidi Klums 'Runway', e.g.

2. Greek Myth: Earth goddess [var. sp.]
3. Cartooning, for short
4. Ontario city on Lake Erie, Port \_\_\_
5. Squirrel's prize
6. Prefix that means 'Quintillionth'
7. "\_\_\_ Wood (This Bird Has Flown)" by The Beatles

8. Religious bench
9. "Jaws" (1975) setting, \_\_\_ Island
10. Stethoscope sound
11. Rapper, Flo \_\_\_
12. Cosmology's original matter
14. Alberta hamlet just southeast of Calgary
21. \_\_\_ Caps (Brand of

- candy)
22. Toronto Raptors org.
26. Pertinent
27. Computers: \_\_\_ protector
28. Serviceable
29. \_\_\_ orange
31. Studio sign: 2 wds.
32. Anti-\_\_\_ cream
33. Choreographer, Bob \_\_\_ (b.1927 - d.1987)
36. "Painted Ladies" Hamilton-born singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
37. \_\_\_-Julie, Quebec
39. What 1995 to 2005 series "JAG" stands for, Judge \_\_\_ General
42. Go on the journey too: 2 wds.
45. Old French coin
50. Fireplace stuff
52. Be off
53. Flood embankment
54. Honeydew \_\_\_
55. \_\_\_ Norway
56. Thickening gum
57. Canadian actor David James Elliott's role on #39-Down, Cmdr. Harmon 'Harm' \_\_\_, Jr.
59. Ms. Turner
60. Second Cup servings
61. Other
62. Batch
64. Past time

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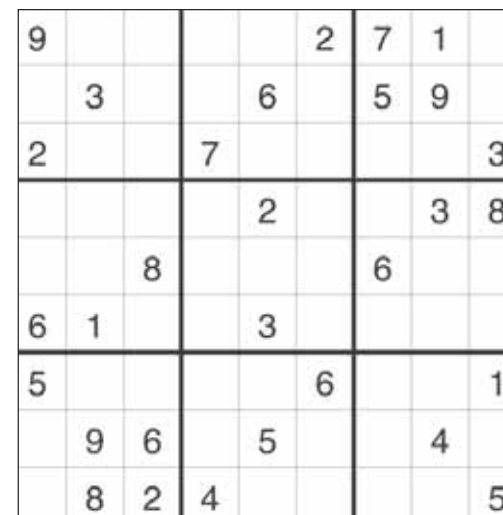


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### Yesterday's Sudoku



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